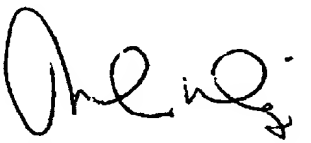
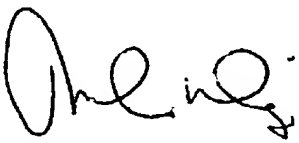


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AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL LETTER				Attorney Docket No: BEA9-2000-0005-US1		
Application Serial Number: 09/686,049	Filing Date: 10/11/2000	Examiner: William C. Vaughn, Jr.		Art Unit: 2143		
Invention: System for host-to-host connectivity using Ficon protocol over a storage area network						
TO THE COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS: Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application. The fee has been calculated as shown below.						
CLAIMS AS AMENDED						
	CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT		HIGHEST NUMBER PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR	NO. OF EXTRA CLAIMS PRESENT	RATE	ADDITIONAL FEE
TOTAL CLAIMS		MINUS		0	\$50	\$ 0.00
INDEP. CLAIMS		MINUS		0	\$200	\$ 0.00
<p>_____ Petition is hereby made under 37 CFR 1.136(a) to extend the time for response to the Office Action of 12/15/2004 to and through _____, comprising an extension of the shortened statutory period of:</p> <p>_____ one month (\$120.00) _____ three months (\$1,020.00) _____ two months (\$450.00) _____ four months (\$1,590.00)</p>						
TOTAL ADDITIONAL FEE FOR THIS AMENDMENT						\$0
<p><u>X</u> No additional fee is required.</p> <p><u>1/26/2006</u> date</p> <p> Michael A. Dryja Reg. No. 39662</p> <p>I hereby certify that this Correspondence is being facsimile transmitted to the USPTO, fax number 571-273-8300, on <u>1/26/2006</u>.</p> <p> Michael A. Dryja Reg. No. 39662</p>						

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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

First named Applicant: Venkata R. Jagana	Group Art Unit: 2143
Application No.: 09/686,049 (CONF 4959)	
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Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION

Dear Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action of December 1, 2005, please amend the application as follows, and consider the following remarks.